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SENATE BILL

No. 769

Introduced by Senator Alquist

February 27, 2009

An act to add Sections 101318 and 101318.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to federal funding, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 769, as amended, Alquist. Federal funding: supplemental appropriations: pandemic flu.

Existing law establishes procedures and requirements to govern the allocation to, and expenditure by, local health jurisdictions of federal funding received for the prevention of, and response to, bioterrorist attacks and other public health emergencies. Existing law provides that these procedures apply only when local health jurisdictions are designated by a federal or state agency to manage the funds for public health preparedness and response to bioterrorist attacks and other public health emergencies, pursuant to a specified federally approved plan. Existing law repeals these provisions as of January 1, 2011, as specified.

This bill would, commencing with the 2009–10 fiscal year, provide that federal funding received pursuant to the federal 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Act for pandemic flu for purposes of state and local public health and emergency response infrastructure would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature for allocation by the State Department of Public Health, as prescribed.

This bill would also require the department to use funds allocated pursuant to the 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Act, as specified, to expand the capacity of the California Health Alert Network, or another appropriate communications network, in a manner that would allow the department to communicate electronically and in a timely manner with every general acute care hospital and primary care clinic in the state during a public health emergency.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The Legislature intends to ensure that federal funds granted
- 4 for the purpose of emergency preparedness for responding to a
- 5 pandemic flu outbreak are distributed appropriately to local public
- 6 health jurisdictions.
- 7 (b) The public health infrastructure and workforce at the local
- 8 level are the first line of defense against communicable disease.
- 9 Without proper personnel in place, a response to the H1N1 flu
- 10 virus or any other public health threat is significantly weakened.
- 11 SEC. 2. Section 101318 is added to the Health and Safety Code,
- 12 to read:
- 13 101318. (a) Commencing with the 2009–10 fiscal year, federal
- 14 funding received pursuant to the 2009 Supplemental Appropriations
- 15 Act (Public Law 111-32) for pandemic flu for purposes of state
- 16 and local public health and emergency response infrastructure,
- 17 including, but not limited to, epidemiology, communicable disease
- 18 response, workforce, laboratory capacity, public communications,
- 19 and community mitigation guidance and planning, shall be subject
- 20 to appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or

1 other statute for allocation by the department in accordance with
2 this article.

3 (b) This article shall govern instances when federal funding is
4 allocated and expended for disease control and prevention activities
5 by the state and local health jurisdictions.

6 (c) The proportion of funds allocated to local health jurisdictions
7 shall be the same as the proportion stipulated in the 2008–09
8 federally approved collaborative state-local plan.

9 (d) The department may establish a minimum allocation of less
10 than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to local health
11 jurisdictions, if the department consults with the California
12 Conference of Local Health Officers and the County Health
13 Executives Association of California.

14 SEC. 3. Section 101318.5 is added to the Health and Safety
15 Code, to read:

16 101318.5. Using funds allocated pursuant to the 2009
17 Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 111-32), and to the
18 extent permitted by federal law, the department shall expand the
19 capacity of the California Health Alert Network, or another
20 appropriate communications network, in a manner that allows the
21 department to communicate electronically and in a timely manner
22 with every general acute care hospital and primary care clinic in
23 the state during a public health emergency.

24 SEC. 4. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
25 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
26 *the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into*
27 *immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

28 *In order to ensure an adequate and timely response to the H1N1*
29 *virus and other public health threats, it is necessary for this act*
30 *to take effect immediately.*